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(54) Title: TISSUE ENGINEERING

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates, in general, to tissue engineering and, in particular, to a method of extending the lifespan of cells suitable for use in vascular engineering.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	US 6,172,210 B1 (WIEDMER et al) 09 January 2001 (09.01.2001), see whole document, especially column 13.	1,2,3,5,6,29,31,32
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1. Claim Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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The product in Claim 30 depends on a claim that is directed to a method.

3. Claim Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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search terms: vascular graft, immortalized cell, tissue engineering, immortalizing, vascular prosthesis, cell, cre-recombinase, viral promoter, tetracycline inducible promoter, hprt, graft